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INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

CINCUSAREUR FOR POLAD, OPS, & AGA-GG-OCO

CINCEUR FOR POLAD & OPS

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

S E C R E T BERLIN 1615

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E.O. 11652: XGDS

TAGS: PGOV, WB, UR, GE

SUBJECT: REPORTED ESCAPE ATTEMPT IN U.S. UNIFORMS

REF: A. BERLIN 1340 (NOTAL)

B. BERLIN 1344 (NOTAL)

C. BERLIN 1451 (NOTAL)

1. IN MID AUGUST, STEINER'S MOTHER INFORMED AMCONGEN HAMBURG THAT HE WAS OVERDUE RETURNING FROM TRIP TO POLAND. SHE SAID HE MIGHT BE VISITING FRIEND JERZY WYDERKA (STEINER HAD GIVEN NAME AS JERZY DIETER WYOLERKO TO U.S. AUTHORITIES). HAMBURG CONTACTED AMEMBASSY WARSAW WHICH DETERMINED FROM WYDERKA'S MOTHER THAT HER SON WAS TRAVELING WITH STEINER AND THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED POSTCARD DATED AUGUST 3 CONFIRMING THEY WERE IN EAST BERLIN.

2. AFTER WE WERE INFORMED OF ABOVE BY HAMBURG, MISSION PROTOCOL OFFICER CALLED ON SOVIET PROTOCOL OFFICER ROMANOVSKY SEPTEMBER 13

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TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN DETERMING

STEINER'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. ROMANOVSKY WAS TOLD THAT STEINER HAD BEEN REPORTED MISSING BY HIS MOTHER, AND THAT LAST NEWS OF HIM INDICATED HE WAS ATTENDING WYF; WE PROVIDED DESCRIPTION OF CAR MOTHER THOUGHT HE MIGHT BE DRIVING. (IN ORDER TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR SOVIETS-- IF THEY SHOULD SO DESIRE -- TO SEPARATE HANDLING OF STEINER FROM CONTEXT OF APPROACHES REPORTED REFS B AND C, CASE WAS TREATED AS ROUTINE WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS MATTER AND NO EXPLICIT REFERENCE WAS MADE TO EARLIER APPROACHES.) AFTER SOME FENCING ABOUT AS TO WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE MORE APPROPRIATE AND EASIER TO TAKE MATTER UP WITH GDR FOREIGN MINISTY "SINCE YOU NOW HAVE CONTACTS THERE", ROMANOVSKY SAID HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO ATTEMPT TO SECURE INFORMATION REQUESTED.

3. USCOB CONCURS.KLEIN

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